

In the Claims:

1. A collapsible laundry rack convertible between
an expanded position and a collapsed position, the rack
5 comprising:

a pair of collapsible legs spaced a predetermined
distance apart, each of the legs comprising a plurality
of members configured in a scissor linkage arrangement;

a plurality of connector sockets attached to each of
10 the pair of collapsible legs, the connector sockets on
one of the pair of collapsible legs being aligned with
the connector sockets on the other of the pair of
collapsible legs; and

a plurality of cross members extending between the
15 pair of collapsible legs, each of the cross members
having a connector tab insertable into the aligned
connector sockets on the collapsible legs while the legs
are spaced the predetermined distance apart to
selectively secure the cross members to the collapsible
20 legs.

2. A collapsible laundry rack in accordance with
claim 1, wherein the connector sockets each have a first
opening facing the opposing connector socket on the other
25 of the pair of legs and a second opening, the second
opening being configured to receive the connector tab to
position the cross member through the first opening of
the socket to selectively secure the cross member
relative to the collapsible leg.

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3. A collapsible laundry rack in accordance with
claim 2, wherein the connector socket is generally U-
shaped.

35 4. A collapsible laundry rack in accordance with

claim 2, wherein the connector sockets each have a pocket configured for receiving the connector tab, the pocket being defined by a pair of opposing end walls and at least one sidewall connecting the end walls, one of the
5 end walls being secured adjacent one of the pair of collapsible legs, the other of the end walls being positioned to face the other of the pair of collapsible legs and having the first opening formed therein.

10 5. A collapsible laundry rack in accordance with claim 4, wherein the first opening is sized larger than a cross section of the cross member to allow the cross member to pass therethrough and smaller than a cross section of the connector tab to prevent the connector tab
15 from passing therethrough in order to retain the connector tab between the pair of opposing end walls.

 6. A collapsible laundry rack in accordance with claim 5, wherein the sidewall defines the second opening,
20 the second opening being sized to allow for the connector tab to be inserted therethrough and positioned between the opposing end walls.

 7. A collapsible laundry rack in accordance with
25 claim 3, wherein the plurality of members configured in a scissor linkage arrangement of the legs further comprises at least a pair of members pivotably connected between ends thereof by a pin, the pin securing the one of the end walls of at least one of the connector sockets
30 adjacent the one of the pair of collapsible legs relative to the pair of members.

 8. A collapsible laundry rack in accordance with claim 1, further comprising:
35 at least one linkage forming at least part of each

of the legs, each of the linkages having a pair of members being pivotably connected between their ends to convert the laundry rack between a expanded position and a collapsed position;

5 one of the cross members extending between ends of one of the members of each of the linkages of the legs; a support arm having first and second ends, the first end being pivotably attached to an end of one of the members of at least one of the linkages, the member
10 having the support arm attached being different than the member having the cross member, the support arm being pivotable between a configuration allowing the linkages to shift to the collapsed position and a configuration maintaining the linkage in the expanded position by
15 engagement of the second end of the support arm and the cross member to maintain a predetermined spacing between the pair of members forming the linkages of the legs; and a clasp pivotably connected to the second end of the support arm, the clasp being pivotable between a locking
20 position securing the support arm to the cross member when the support arm is in the configuration securing the pair of collapsible legs in the expanded configuration.

9. A collapsible laundry rack in accordance with
25 claim 1, wherein at least one of the cross members can be selectively inserted and removed from between the pair of legs without disengaging another of the cross members maintaining the predetermined distance between the pair of legs.

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10. A collapsible laundry rack convertible between an expanded position and a collapsed position, the rack comprising:

 a pair of collapsible legs, each of the legs
35 comprising a plurality of members configured in a scissor

linkage arrangement;

a plurality of connector sockets attached to each of the pair of collapsible legs, each connector socket having a first opening facing the opposing connector
5 socket on the other of the pair of legs and a second opening, and the connector sockets on one of the pair of collapsible legs being aligned with the connector sockets on the other of the pair of collapsible legs; and

a plurality of cross members extending between the
10 pair of collapsible legs, each of the cross members having a pair of connector tabs at opposite ends thereof, each of the connector tabs being insertable into the aligned connector sockets on the collapsible legs through the second openings of the sockets to position the cross
15 member through the first openings of the sockets to selectively secure the cross members to the collapsible legs.

11. A collapsible laundry rack in accordance with
20 claim 9, wherein at least one of the cross members has the connection tabs selectively removable and insertable from the connection sockets between the pair of legs without disengaging the connection tabs of another of the cross members from the connection sockets between the
25 pair of legs.

12. A collapsible laundry rack in accordance with claim 10, wherein the connector sockets each have a pocket configured for receiving the connector tab, the
30 pocket being defined by a pair of opposing end walls and at least one sidewall connecting the first and second walls, one of the end walls being secured adjacent one of the pair of collapsible legs, the other of the end walls being positioned to face the other of the pair of
35 collapsible legs and having the first opening formed

therein.

13. A collapsible laundry rack in accordance with claim 12, wherein the first opening is sized larger than
5 a cross section of the cross member to allow the cross member to pass therethrough and smaller than a cross section of the connector tab to prevent the connector tab from passing therethrough in order to retain the connector tab between the pair of opposing end walls.

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14. A collapsible laundry rack in accordance with claim 13, wherein the sidewall defines the second opening, the second opening being sized to allow for the connector tab to be inserted therethrough and positioned
15 between the opposing end walls.

15. A collapsible laundry rack in accordance with claim 10, further comprising:

at least one linkage forming at least part of each
20 of the legs, each of the linkages having a pair of members being pivotably connected between their ends to convert the laundry rack between a expanded position and a collapsed position;

one of the cross members extending between ends of
25 one of the members of each of the linkages of the legs;

a support arm having first and second ends, the first end being pivotably attached to an end of one of the members of at least one of the linkages, the member having the support arm attached being different than the
30 member having the cross member, the support arm being pivotable between a configuration allowing the linkages to shift to the collapsed position and a configuration maintaining the linkage in the expanded position by engagement of the second end of the support arm and the
35 cross member to maintain a predetermined spacing between

the pair of members forming the linkages of the legs; and
a clasp pivotably connected to the second end of the
support arm, the clasp being pivotable between a locking
position securing the support arm to the cross member
5 when the support arm is in the configuration securing the
pair of collapsible legs in the expanded configuration.

16. A collapsible laundry rack convertible between
an expanded position and a collapsed position, the rack
10 comprising:
- a pair of collapsible legs, each of the legs
comprising a plurality of members configured in a scissor
linkage arrangement, each of the pair of legs having
first and second upper members having upper ends spaced a
15 distance apart;
 - a plurality of cross members extending between the
pair of collapsible legs, and one of the cross members
extending between the upper ends of the first upper
members;
 - 20 a support arm pivotably attached at one end to the
upper end of one of the second upper members, the support
arm being pivotable between a configuration allowing the
pair of collapsible legs to shift to the collapsed
position and a configuration maintaining the pair of
25 collapsible legs in the expanded position; and
 - a clasp pivotably connected to an end of the support
arm opposite the end pivotably connected to the second
upper member, the clasp being pivotable between a locking
position at least partially around the one of the cross
30 members when the support arm is in the configuration
securing the pair of collapsible legs in the expanded
configuration to secure the support arm relative to the
one of the cross members.

- 35 17. A collapsible laundry rack in accordance with

claim 16, wherein the end of the support arm having the
clasp pivotably attached has a notch formed therein for
at least partially receiving the one of the cross members
extending between the upper ends of the first upper
5 members.

18. A collapsible laundry rack in accordance with
claim 17, wherein the notch is generally U-shaped and is
inclined at an angle.

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19. A collapsible laundry rack in accordance with
claim 18, wherein the clasp is generally C-shaped and is
configured to retain the one of the cross members in the
notch when in the locking position.

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20. A method of assembling a collapsible laundry
rack from a set of components, the components comprising
a pair of collapsible legs each having a plurality of
members configured in a scissor linkage arrangement, a
20 plurality of connector sockets attached to each of the
pair of collapsible legs, the connector sockets on one of
the pair of collapsible legs being aligned with the
connector sockets on the other of the pair of collapsible
legs, a plurality of cross members, and a connector tab
25 positioned on each of the ends of the cross members
removably insertable into the aligned connector sockets
on the collapsible legs to selectively secure the cross
members to the collapsible legs, the method comprising:

spacing the pair of collapsible legs a predetermined
30 distance apart by inserting the tabs of a first one of
the plurality of cross members into a pair of aligned
connector sockets attached to the pair of collapsible
legs; and

inserting the tabs of at least a second one of the
35 plurality of cross members into a pair of aligned

connector sockets attached to the pair of collapsible legs while the collapsible legs are spaced the predetermined distance apart.